

CHURCHILL JOINS THE GIANTS OF BRITISH ART

London, March 11. Sir Winston Churchill joined the giants of British art today when 61 of his paintings were given a one-man exhibition at the Royal Academy here. Only four other living artists have been so honoured — Augustus John, Sir Gerald Kelly, Sir Alfred Munnings and Leslie Brangwyn.

The road to the exhibition started in 1916 when leaving the Admiralty after the Dardanelles venture, the then Mr Churchill used a child's-painting kit on a certain Sunday and unconsciously started his career as an artist.

The following year he was in Flanders and had two paintings done there. World War I scenes, are the earliest in the exhibition.

By 1925 he had so far progressed as to enter an art competition for amateurs — a competition in which the names of the competitors were unknown to the judges.

When one of the judges, the late Sir George Duveen, art connoisseur, saw one entry he remarked "That is obviously by a professional, and this is a contest for amateurs."

The painting in question was by Winston Spencer Churchill and his subject was "Winter Sunshine, Chartwell" which is his country home in Kent.

He won the competition. A letter on the back of the picture, also in the exhibition relates the story.

"David Winter"

Then in 1947 two paintings were submitted to the annual summer exhibition of the Royal Academy under the name of "David Winter." They were passed by the Selection Committee before they were identified as the work of Mr Churchill.

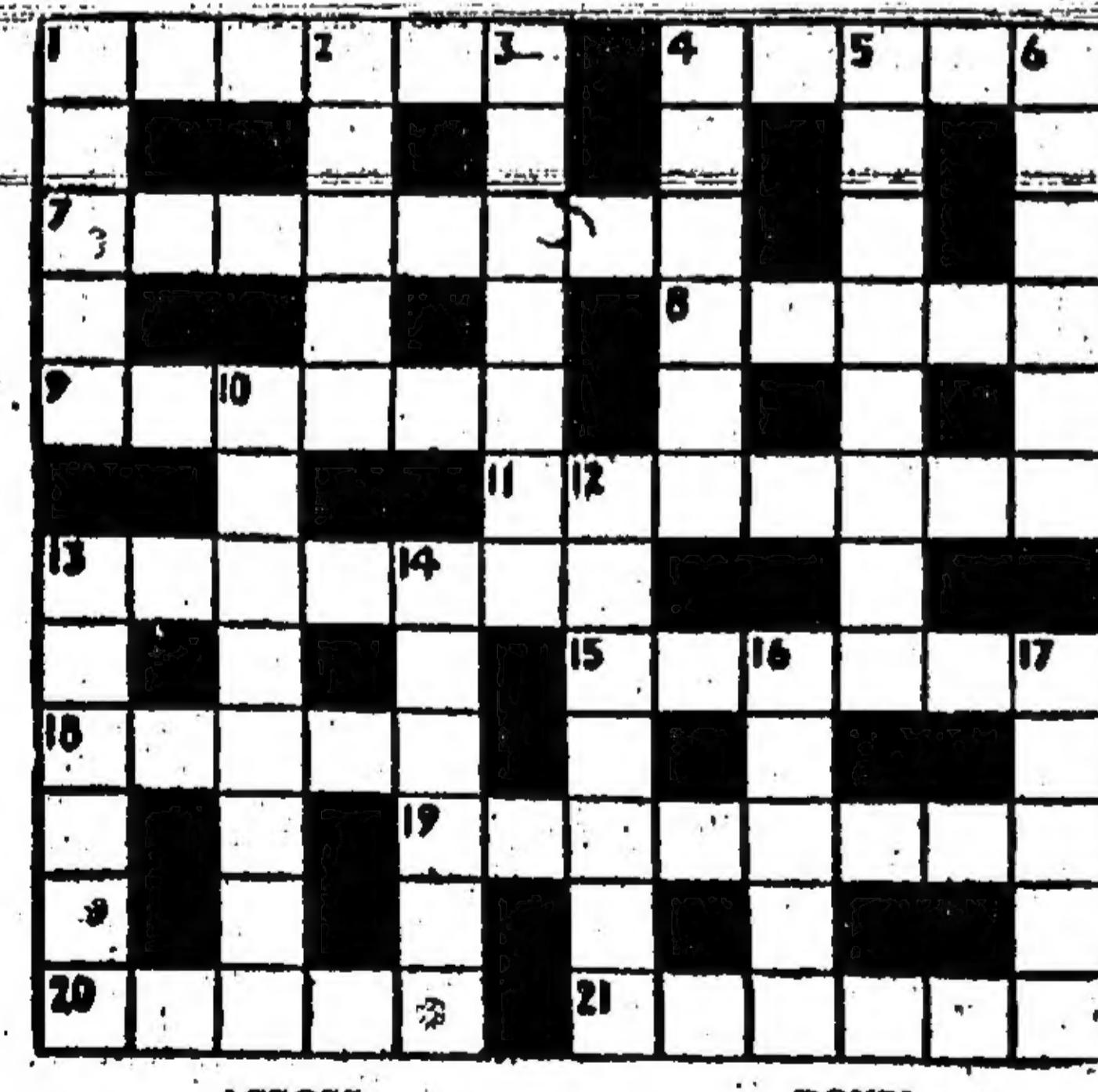
One of these pictures "The River Coup" has been lent to the exhibition by the trustees of the Tate Gallery.

The following year, with the consent of King George VI to the creation of a special new class of member, Mr Churchill became the first Honorary Academician Extraordinary of the Royal Academy.

Thirty-five of the pictures in the current exhibition, which will last for a fortnight have been touring the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, breaking records for attendance.

To these have been added 26 pictures mostly from Sir Winston's studio at Chartwell.

A British Crossword Puzzle



Navy's Latest



"Machines Will Not Replace Man In Space"

Moscow, March 10. Kukarkin said today that no robot or machine would ever be able to replace man in the exploration of outer space.

Australia Is For Pioneers, Says Ann

Honolulu, March 10. Actress Ann Baxter predicted today that within the next 10 years Australia is "going to get the greatest" migration of Americans in history.

The actress, who arrived from Australia yesterday en route to Hollywood, emphasized she meant an exodus of Americans who will become permanent residents of Australia.

Miss Baxter said Australia today represents "the last great opportunity for those with pioneer spirit, and its land is just asking for people who are interested."

"And where in America," Miss Baxter asked, "can people with pioneer spirit go? Anyone with pioneer spirit in America today will only cut his throat."

"The pioneer should go to Australia where there's plenty of room and plenty of challenge."

"Killed Me"

The actress spent three months in Sydney making the movie, "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll." She said the Australians "killed me with kindness."

Miss Baxter said she was so enthusiastic that she first plans to return to Australia to turn to southern California is to join the Australian Trade Commission to help promote American capital investments there.

Asked if she had any immediate plans to return, Miss Baxter replied, "I certainly have within a year if my working schedule will permit — but you can be sure I am going back." — U.P.I.

High Chair Launching

Sunderland, Eng., March 10. Miss Eugenia Chandris, daughter of a Greek shipowner, will launch a 11,000-ton ship today — from her high chair.

The two-year-old tot will press a button to send the ship named for her down the ways.

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THIS HONGKONG

Monument To Courage

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?

He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.

He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

FRIDAY afternoon, February 20, 1959, was a dreary day. The clouds were hanging low, and as we made our way to the Diocesan Girls' School the new towering blocks seemed lost in the drizzling rain clouds of the cold afternoon. The rain drove us to shelter under the arches of the new buildings, while the official party stood somewhat forlorn as the Bishop of Hongkong bade us welcome.

Then suddenly, a girls' choir burst into such a paean of joy that the very elements paused in their sultriness. A brighter sun than that hidden by the rain clouds seemed to shine. The towering new school block seemed to leap from its foundations, while the stately new hall skipped to the very high heavens.

For the words they sang were the words the Church Universal reserves for such occasions when men praise God; it was the Hymn of Thanksgiving, used by most Christians when by the glory of great events, they assemble to worship. It is old, and men generally refer to it by its ancient name, Te Deum, and the Anglican Chant to which it was sung is particularly beautiful.

There was much to thank God for. I suppose the girls thought in terms of new buildings, great modern classrooms, and up-to-date laboratories.

I suppose Mrs. Nancy O'Connell and Miss Nora Edwards thought of the beautiful lofty hall where their combined historical and musical activities can resume with greater scope than that afforded hitherto.

The Hon Douglas Crozier, C.M.G., Director of Education, no doubt had in mind that yet another old school had torn down its ancient walls and extended its boundaries. And above all, Mrs Joyce Symons, sometime scholar, then teacher, and now Headmistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, who has seen this great wonder come about; surely an occasion for pride and thanksgiving.

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Some words used by the Bishop of Hongkong, sent my mind exploring the past; if I can be excused a cliché, 'they rang a bell in my mind.' He spoke of the Diocesan Girls' School, now in its centenary year, and he spoke of Miss Baxter.

Exactly a hundred years ago, in Doncaster, Yorkshire, far away in England, Susan Harriet Sophia Baxter had made a great decision. She decided to be an honorary missionary to Hongkong, with special attention to the recently

formed Female Education Society. Home influences would help Miss Baxter reach her decision; for her father, Mr Robert Baxter, was typical of all that was finest, and perhaps, most indicative of the Victorian era.

The very solid worth, the creature comforts, the rigid self-inflicted discipline of the middle class Victorian home, have become subjects of the supercilious historian's ridicule. But the Victoria 'Aldi' scheme, Miss Wilson, a schoolmistress, but recently arrived from England, was placed in temporary charge.

Miss Baxter arrived in Hongkong, and immediately hurled herself at the Immense challenge Hongkong offered. No doubt, whatever that a lady of gentle birth and independent means, Miss Baxter could have found a lofty perch in the social scale.

But the deliberately dedicated herself to the charge she had accepted. In so doing, she waged not only against the frustrating circumstances of old Hongkong, but she did battle with blind prejudice of racial discrimination.

We obtain tantalising glimpses at her work as she establishes a school in Mosque Terrace and Staunton Street, amalgamating her schools in a building in Bonham Road on a site later occupied by the old Diocesan Boys' School.

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This, I say, was Victorianism at its best, and it was from such a home that Susan Baxter came.

It was a Godly home, The family prayed, the daily Bible reading attended by servants, the general pervading sense of all having a charge as well as a place to keep.

George Smith, Bishop of Hongkong, had visited that home. It was during the summer of 1850, when the family gave to prayer and devotion, that he received the "real" to Hongkong, and laboured here, rather than in some comfortable prospect in England. Bishop George Smith arrived in Hongkong during March of 1850, and consecrated the new Cathedral in September of that year. But his forces with man of true vocation, he found that his charge called him to aid those who were weary and heavy laden, rather than to speak comfortably to those who felt qualified in everything save the scurdoctored berceidion on their selfish pursuits.

Bishop Smith, mindful of the Savior's words that He had other sheep, not of this flock, began to cast about to see what could be done. And what could be done was revolutionary a step as could be taken. Mrs Smith, the wife of the Bishop was horrified to discover what an abject figure Chinese society was the ordinary Chinese girl.

With a heart so great that it could encompass all China, she visited the affluent European community and cajoled or gently bullied them out of their golden sovereigns. So—in 1850,

the young men stationed here in the camps have found England for away. Their very status denies them the society of the more affluent merchantmen. Quite naturally they turn to the young women around them. Then arrive those children destined to be the subjects of a thousand deliberate insults, a hundred thoughtless remarks, a dozen wounding taunting statements. God alone knows of the wounds the snobs' fangs have caused, but Miss Baxter sought these children out, and rescued them from horror and worse.

And when they were hungry, she fed them; and she bound up their wounds; and she gave to them all the love her great heart contained; the love the world denied them.

Four years ago you'd simply have been another

tall girl with, "it is true, a witty aura all your own, but just another of London's pretty girls."

Now, wherever you go there's that interrogatory stare as though they weren't just stripping you, but skinning you.

And the way they try to be disappointed. It's very natural I suppose. What was it that girl said audibly enough for Miss Kendall to hear: "That awful long-looking thing in glasses. It can't be Kay Kendall, silly." But she knew well enough it was.

Success vibrates in the third Mrs. Harrison, tautly almost antagonistically. In some, success brings out a note of satisfaction. But for her success means encroachment. Eyes that stare and clutch. People crowding round you, or burgling you.

A mink coat becomes an embarrassment (one almost got the feeling she was glad her furs were stolen). "After all, I have been working since I was 11 and my husband has been an international star for 25 years. It's not wrong to wear a mink coat in it."

"Her eyes, so persistently and erroneously described as blue, are a nervous amber—so, though sym-

bolic of her indecision between the green go-ahead to the roaring traffic of success and the red signal to stop, go away, leave her alone."

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JOHN LUFT

She worked terribly hard, wishes to learn of the Colony's and her schools grew daily, so early days.

So Miss Oxlad was placed in charge, but she as a skirtshamer did not relish the task after the brave days of pioneering with Miss Baxter. Her opinion was supported by the Female Education Society, but the Diocesan School had been going down so fast that Miss Oxlad agreed to postpone her furlough until a new Superintendent could be found.

He arrived as Bishop Alford sent out a circular to seek funds for his project. The circular, dated January 30, 1869, speaks of Eurasian children found living under every deplorable condition possible.

Her staff, especially Miss Oxlad and Miss Eaton had to take her severely to task, and when she would have ventured upon new grounds, they had to threaten that they would withdraw. Not that they meant this, but they could see what she herself refused to see. Her unspiring devotion to her work undermined her health.

She was reluctantly compelled to seek aid for her school at Taipingshan and got the C.M.S. to take it over.

But this belated step was of no avail. The summer of 1865, with its terrific heat and rain was too much for a body grown frail. The spirit was as strong as ever, and when the time came for her to die, she still fretted over her beloved Eurasian orphans.

But she had trained her warriors well, and when at last she laid down the sword, Miss Oxlad and Miss Eaton carried on the work.

But the days of the pioneers were over. The Diocesan School must consolidate its gains. The new general must stay at home, and not venture from Bonham Road to pursue guerrilla tactics all over the island.

Then the venture suffered another setback when Miss Eaton left to marry Dr E. J. Ellet, whose history of Hongkong serves everyone who

was made.

Miss Skipton carried on until 1921 when Miss Ferguson took over. Miss Ferguson suffered ill health and her untimely death in 1925 closed

her brief career.

Nevertheless, the School was fortunate during Miss Ferguson's headship, in that she introduced modern methods to the curriculum. Social activities, interesting parents in the School's activities, the stressing of the School's place in the Community.

The end of the year saw the Colony defeated, and occupied by the Japanese. Perhaps they can tell us about this fine towering block, seven storeys high? Or

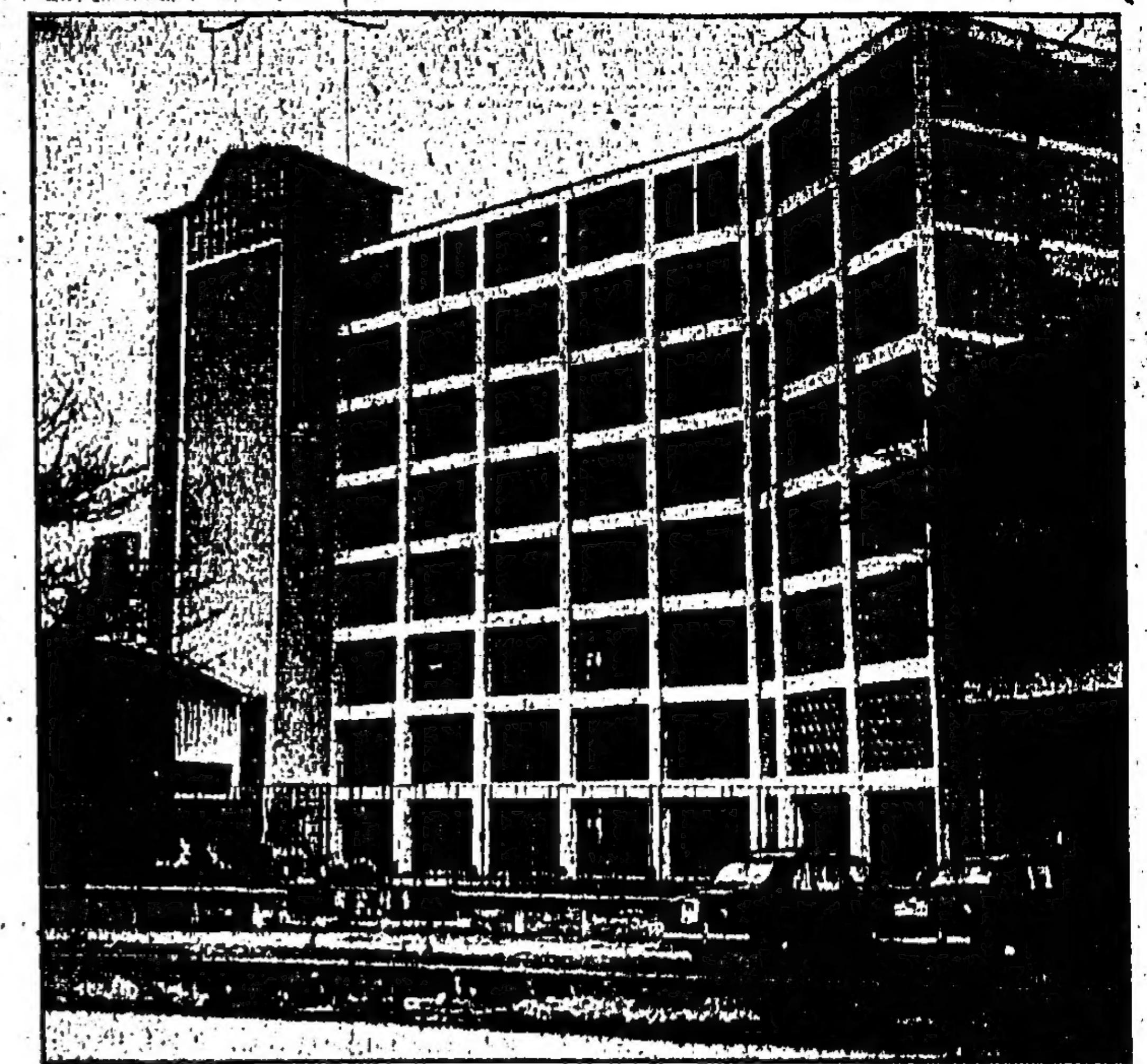
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has come a long way from days in Bonham Road where prime

Miss Baxter sought to instruct her faith.



THE Diocesan Girls' School — today. A far cry from the humble beginning in Bonham Road.

Miss Sawyer took over in 1925, and it was during her headship that the "School established its fine reputation in English studies.

We come now to times remembered by all but the young of the Colony. Miss Gibbons became Headmistress in 1939. In spite of ominous signs of war, Miss Gibbons looked her task with the optimism which characterises the Colony.

She modernised the School, and in 1941, a fine new wing of eight classrooms and a laboratory was added.

Now, we are back to the present, and the Diocesan Girls' School stands mightier than ever before.

If only the Misses Baxter, Oxlad and Oxlad could see it. Perhaps they can tell us about this fine towering block, seven storeys high? Or

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The Diocesan Girls' School reopened on October 1, 1945 for

I go, every night to the theatre—where I have done all my life. Suddenly everyone's talking about Vivien, Betty and me as though we were up to something sinless. We all love going to the theatre. It's our passion, our homework. Rex finds it torture not to be able to see other people acting.

So while her husband performs before yet one more dressing audience in Drury Lane his wife goes to the theatre. "Never a cinema." At 11.30 Mrs. Harrison, acquiring at the same time stardom for herself and the Lord Chancellor as brother-in-law. But only because she's got to be.

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A sudden upsurge outside takes Mrs. Harrison rapidly to the window and just as swiftly downstairs. Her Chinese pug, Higgins, is attacking a coatman in a diminutive sort of way. "It's all right. He's got no teeth," she shrieks reassuringly.

Then, in her own beautiful illogical way, Miss Harrison realises how humiliating to Higgins' amorous advances. "Terribly sorry, Higgins," she says. And the same nervousness and shyness that used to keep her invariably

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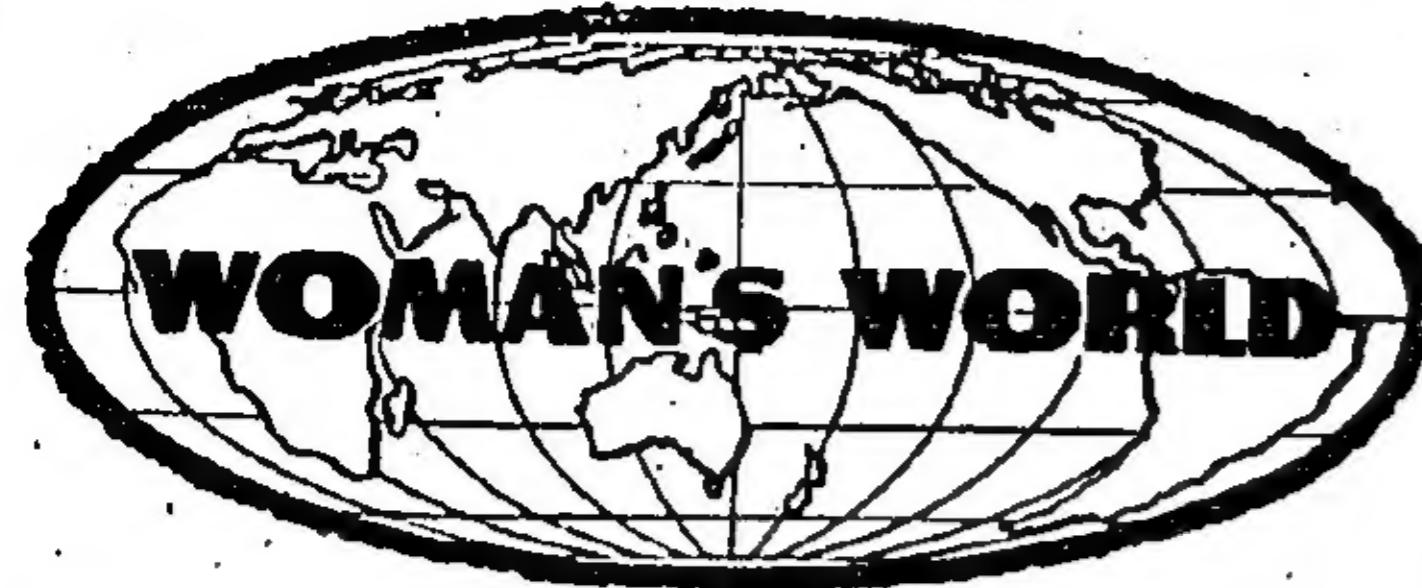
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WOMANSENSE

Nellie Opens Oysters



School For Sale

Sydney.
One of Australia's strangest schools—possibly the only school in the world to teach girls strict naval discipline—is for sale.

The school is the once thriving Osborne Ladies' College, overlooking picturesque Kanimbie Valley near Sydney.

Only person at the closed school now is 53-year-old Miss Victoria Everingham, a former pupil and teacher, and a dog, Nelson, formerly the school's mascot.

The school closed last August, after 35 years, on the death of its owner and principal, Miss Violet Gibbons.

Everything about the school smacked of naval discipline. All students—aged between seven and sixteen—wore navy blue uniforms with gold-striped buttons and velvet hats. Senior girls had commissioned ranks and new girls were "Middles."

Each section of the three-storey institution was named after a warship.—Reuter.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

BORN today, you are one of those who agree with the adage: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. You are determined and will work hard to reach your objective. You never become disheartened at minor failures but instead challenges to work all the harder. Since you have an original point of view, you are not easily swayed. But if you press forward, you will succeed. Your attitude in your own mind is fully justified. You have a fine sense of humour and this helps you along in life.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

In order to get full value out of your high cards you must play them at the right time. East's queen of spades will be his highest card but he need it not his opponents' advantage; not his own.

South's three no-trump contract was based on a minimum 12-point two-no-trump response and a minimum or sub minimum 12-point opening bid by North.

West opened the jack of spades and South saw that his contract was practically hopeless. Also, there was nothing much he could do to make it but East and West not together to make it for him.

East played the seven of spades. He wasn't going to waste his queen on his partner's jack.

NORTH (D) 30

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▼A10 Q6 2

♦K6

♦K4

WEST EAST

♦KJ10 93 ♠Q7

♥Q7 6 ♠J4

♦Q3 ♠J10 Q2 4

♦A53 ♠J10 78

SOUTH

♦A9 2

♥K9 3

♦A8 2

♦Q9 82

No one vulnerable

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 N.T. Pass

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Opening lead—♦J

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The car you're turning in will take care of the federal state and city taxes—the price of the new car is in addition to that!"

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

1 N.T. Pass

You, South, hold:

♦A7 ♠KJ55 ♠K984 ♠A32

What do you do?

A—Bid two-no-trump. A two-diamond bid would be inadequate and a three-diamond bid too much.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand and your partner rebids to two demands after your one-heart response. What do you do in this case?

Answer tomorrow

HAVE you ever thought that even if someone did give you a barrel of oysters you wouldn't be able to open the perishing things?

There you'd be with a rapidly deteriorating luxury in your possession and all the resources of strength and modern science wouldn't be able to help you.

This frustrating contingency once seen clearly, seems worth guarding against.

Oysters, being quiet, old-fashioned things, need a quiet old-fashioned hand to open them (native oysters are naturally more huskier than the pickled ones found in cans) and there isn't a hand in the world that has tamed more tough Whistler oysters than that of Nellie Giles. Nellie's total is something over five and a half million in 40 years.

Don't be nervous

What makes Nellie fascinating as well as unique is that she has never failed an oyster. She is clearly the person not only to teach me how to open an oyster—but a whole new philosophy of restraint, as well. For while everyone else is busy trying to make the world their oyster Nellie has been making the oyster her world.

She works in Sheeky's—one of those look-back-in-nostalgia restaurants with a marble counter, lots of ferns (persistently mislabeled for aspidistra) large mirrors that steam up with vapors of turbot, salmon and trout—and that plethora of white linen that makes middle-aged middle-class gentlemen think of nursery days again.

Nellie and I, wrapped in white overalls, got in a lesson before midday when the rush starts. "Twist the blade of the knife," cried Nellie, ruthlessly. This levered the gap open wider and the enemy, pale—and was it my imagination but was it whining?—gave itself up.

You then show no mercy, but cut it free of its other mooring and turn it over. This is because

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—(London Express Service).

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—(London Express Service).

by Anne Sharpless

Well, I wasn't nervous, I had worked it out that the oyster had more to lose than me and it couldn't be worse than some of the people I've had to interview.

Nellie lent me her lucky knife, the one that she's used for 40 years.

It was sandpapered and sharpened ready for the day's battle. "Are they alive?" I asked, gazing down at the enemy. They were obviously clenching their teeth hard at the sight of me.

"Oh, yes. But they die when you cut the muscle fasten them to their shell," said Nellie, confident of victory.

She picked one out, slapped it firmly down on the counter and in a flash there was the shell opened and an oyster blinking up at us with look you see in the eyes of short-sighted people when they take their glasses off.

She showed me where oysters are at their weakest—opposite the hinge. "Now dig your knife in there," I found myself, after a few minutes, not digging but muddifying it.

"Don't you get tired?" I asked. "Never get tired opening oysters. They say here that they can always tell when oysters aren't in season because I look so miserable."

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—(London Express Service).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Magic Grocers

—Mr. Merlin Makes Even Groceries

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the Shadows with the Turned About Names, had just started walking down the street, when they met their friend Mr Merlin, the Magnificent Magician. It was a bright sunny day.

Mr Merlin was wearing a bright yellow suit with yellow spots on it. The yellow spots glittered like sunbeams.

"Ah, good morning, Hand!"

"Good morning, Knarf!" said Mr Merlin.

"I see you're going to the grocer's," he said.

Lucky Guess

"How did you know that?"

said Knarf, surprised that Mr Merlin should have guessed.

"Hand is carrying a shopping bag," said Mr Merlin.

"You're carrying a list of things on a slip of paper, Knarf. And neither of you look happy."

So I'm quite sure you're going to the grocery store,"

said Mr Merlin.

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BLARNEY STONE RUGBY STARTS TODAY

Eight First Round Matches Scheduled At Club Ground

By PAK LO

The Blarney Stone seven-a-side tournament begins this evening on the Club ground with a programme of eight first round matches. The remainder of the first round matches will be played tomorrow evening.

The second round is arranged for Friday night and the remaining rounds, will all be held on Saturday with the final scheduled for 9 p.m.

The Blarney Stone Shield was first presented to the HKFC before the last war by Messrs Carter, Shaw, Robinson, and Carver but was lost during the occupation, and never found.

Vienna Making Strong Bid For 1964 Games Site

Vienna, March 10. The Mayor of Vienna, Herr Franz Jones, has accepted an invitation to present personally Vienna's application for the 1964 Olympic Games at the next meeting of the International Olympic Committee, it was announced here today.

Herr Jones, informing the Municipal Council of this official invitation, said he would be at the meeting which is to take place in Munich from May 23 to 26.

The Mayor also told the Council that there would be no exhibition in Europe in 1964 according to official information received from Mr. M. Barey, president on the International Exhibition Bureau; there was nothing which could hinder Vienna's application for the 1964 Olympics.

The Chancellor of the International Olympic Committee had been informed of Mr. Barey's statement, the Mayor added.—Reuter.

Lew Hoad Beats Gonzales To Lead In Series

Boston, March 10. Former Wimbledon champion Lew Hoad of Australia defeated defending professional tennis champion Pancho Gonzales, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, here tonight.

It was the second win in as many nights for Hoad, who took a 5-4 lead in his series against Gonzales in professional tennis match play.

A Gonzales double-fault in the first game of the final set helped Hoad break the champion's serve. The Australian converted the game advantage into a 6-4 final set to win the match.

The all-Australian doubles team of Lew Hoad and Ashley Cooper defeated the United States pairing of Gonzales and Jim Kramer, 8-4, in the night finale. Kramer, once one of the world's foremost tennis stars, filled in for the ailing Mu Anderson.—UPI.

S. AFRICA'S GOLF FINALISTS

Johannesburg, March 10. Arthur Walker, South African winter of the English amateur title in 1957, will meet Derek Muller, a 21-year-old student in the 36 holes final of the South African amateur golf championship here tomorrow.

Walker today beat Denis Hutchinson at the 21st to qualify for his third final in four years. He was runner-up in 1956 and 1958.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Soccer
Trial Match at Boundary Street, 4.30 p.m.
Meeting

Annual meeting of HK Amateur Swimming Association, Club Lusitano, 5.30 p.m.
Rugby

Blarney Stone Shield: Club Ground, 5.40 p.m.
TOMORROW
Rugby

Blarney Stone competition at Club ground, 5.40 p.m.
Badminton

Colony Junior Championships at CCC 7.30 p.m.
Tennis

Colony Grass Court Tennis Championships at HKFC, 3.30 p.m.
Color Chess Championships, first round, at Peninsula Hotel.

UK Soccer Results

London, March 10. Results of tonight's football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I
Bradford City, Bury 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I

Celtic 1, Airdrieonians 2.—Reuter.

RESULTS

Other main results today are:

MEN'S SINGLES

R. Becker (Britain) beat J. Tattersall (Britain) 6-3, 6-0, 6-3.

A. Udy Kumar (India) beat M. Gibb (Britain) 6-0, 3-6, 7-0, 6-2, 6-1.

A. Mills (Britain) beat G. Smith (Britain) 6-1, 6-2, 6-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. Barrett (Britain) and K. Nielsen (Denmark) beat S. Lester and J. White (Britain) 6-1, 12-10, 6-4.

C. Spychals (Poland) and Kumar (India) beat W. Anderson and G. Donald (Britain) 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2.—France-Press.

Czechs Take World Ice-Hockey Lead

Prague, March 10. Czechoslovakia today took the lead in the world ice-hockey championships when she drubbed Finland by eight goals to two in the final pool game, and emerged as the top rival of Canada, the holders, in the home stretch of the race for the title.

Canada was standing second, the Soviet Union third and the United States, which trounced Sweden 7-1 in the other final pool match today, was fourth. Sweden was fifth and Finland sixth.

East Germany, which beat Switzerland 6-2 in the

consolation game at Kolín today, was seventh, and West Germany, which beat Poland at Mlada by 5-3 was eighth. Norway, which whipped Italy 4-3 at Kládro, was ninth. Rumania, meantime won its right to compete in next year's world championships when it beat Hungary 7-2 in the European "Criterion" for weaker teams at Plzen in West Bohemia. Hungary was second and Austria third.

Standings after today's games were:

1. Czechoslovakia, 4 points, 6-12 goals to 3.
2. Canada, 3 points, 6 goals to 0.—France-Press.

3. USSR, 2 points, 5 goals to 1.
4. United States, 2 points, 8 goals to 6.
5. Sweden, 0 point, 2 goals to 11.
6. Finland, 0 point, 2 goals to 14.
7. East Germany, 4 points, 11 goals to 3.
8. West Germany, 3 points, 7 goals to 5.
9. Norway, 3 points, 8 goals to 7.
10. Italy, 1 point, 5 goals to 6.
11. Switzerland, 1 point, 6 goals to 10.
12. Poland, 0 point, 4 goals to 10.—France-Press.

Boos And Scuffle At Wembley DAVE CHARNLEY LOSES DISPUTED DECISION TO GUY GRACIA

London, March 10. An astounding decision gave Guy Gracia of France a points victory over British lightweight champion Dave Charnley in a 10-round contest at Wembley here tonight.

Charnley had boxed very well to take the majority of the rounds, but at the end of the fight the referee walked to Gracia's corner to raise his arm in victory.

There was a tremendous outburst of boozing. Charnley, obviously greatly surprised leaned over the ropes disconsolately. Police in attendance had to be brought in to quieten a scuffle in the hall.

Much Mauling
Dick Richardson of Wales, probably one of Britain's top four heavyweights not included in the world rankings, repelled another American "Invader" when he outpointed Bert Whitchurch, a New York medical student, over 10 disappointing rounds.

But Richardson's victory did little to enhance his once rosy prospects. Both men were boozed out of the ring after a bit-and-clinch affair in which there was much mauling and wrestling.

Richardson won most of the round with his left, hooks to the head and solid rights to the body, but he could make little impression on the durable Negro, who once went ten rounds with hard-hitting Archie Moore.

Comeback Campaign

Bor Burton, the former British light-heavyweight champion, won the second bout of his comeback campaign when he outpointed Neville Rowe, a hard-punching Australian, over eight rounds.

Burton showed little of his old form, but he stayed out of serious trouble and did enough with his left hand and occasional right crosses to earn the verdict.—Reuter.

Apartheid Conditions For WI's Tour Of S. Africa

Cape Town, March 10. The South African Government has laid down apartheid conditions for the West Indies cricket team to visit the country, Interior Minister Tom Naudé said in the House of Assembly today.

Naudé was answering a question by the natives' representative, Walter Stanford.

Naudé said permission for the team to travel to local sports grounds was given to local sportsmen of the tour, namely the South African Cricket Union. The tour would be held from November 10, 1959, to January 4, 1960.

He said the conditions were: Members of the team may play only against non-white. Adequate arrangements for transport, recreation and accommodation of the team are to be made by the sponsors. Separate seating and other facilities must be provided for white and non-white spectators.—France-Press.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PREVIEW

Welsh Forwards Face Their Sternest Test Against Ireland On March 14

By JOHN COTTRELL

Curiouser and curioser. Only five tries have been scored in the six International Championship matches played so far this season, compared with 13 in the corresponding matches of last year.

Yet this is the first season in which internationals are being played under the new laws designed to speed up play and facilitate scoring.

Does this mean the legislators have failed? I think not. On the contrary, I believe that most of the new rules have greatly benefited the game. It's the players who are at fault.

Selectors have done reasonably well in finding fast, mobile forwards and they, in turn, have adapted themselves well to the sad lack of ideas behind the scrum.

Deplorable Dearth

Above all, there is a deplorable dearth of first-class attacking centres. Rarely have I seen so many openings created by forwards and so many scoring opportunities missed by three-quarters.

The Wales-Ireland clash brings together two countries whose forwards have performed brilliantly and whose centres have sadly disappointed. Each has had one victory and one defeat.

Wales have much the more serious problem behind the scrum. No strong centres have emerged this season and the selectors, understandably in a quandary, delayed making their choice.

On the other hand, the Irish selectors seem to have solved their problems here, having now realized their blunder in placing the great Tony O'Reilly at centre against England.

But for this error of judgment, I believe Ireland would now be the one country capable of winning the Triple Crown. The bad, innumerable, scoring chances against England and their last 3-0 only because their backs were incapable of turning forward superiority into points.

Full-back is the one position where Wales are clearly superior. Terry Davies is repeating his great form of last year—Cliff Morgan and Jackie Thomas can be relied upon to produce greater fire at Cardiff Arms Park. But only if the going is heavy do I envisage them outplaying the Irish.

Wales and Ireland have each lost a great fly-half in the past year—Cliff Morgan and Jackie Thomas respectively. Each has found competent successors in Cliff Ashton and Mike English. But Ashton and Lloyd Williams not made as satisfactory a combination as Ireland's English and Andy Mulligan.

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Master Tactician

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WATER BABIES

By DEREK JOHN

No girl should be picked to swim for her country before she is 16 years old. The burden can be too great for swimmers younger than that and it can do more harm than good.

This is the surprising opinion of Margaret Edwards, second best back-stroke swimmer in the world over 100 metres. She speaks with the authority of a "veteran" of 16 who has been chasing titles since 1953.

Mrs. Edwards' anti-infant attitude is important, because today it has become accepted that the swim success formula is: "The younger the better."

Margaret points out that there have been cases of girls being rushed into the top flight, falling and suffering so badly from disappointment that they have taken a long time to recover.

High-pressure cases

The high-pressure cases of mullet Miss Diana Willmott and Pat Barnes could be mentioned as examples of swimmers who were too early for their appointments with fame.

Margaret insists: "Child wonders can give everything and then fade away. But if they are encouraged to reach

five years, Margaret Edwards has swum in the wake of Judy Grinham, who snatched the top Olympic, Empire and European honours. If Judy now votes to go into films instead of the water, Margaret will almost certainly be Britain's best bet for swimming success.

Margaret can prove to the world that swimmers are not too old at 16. But she has little hope of proving that swimmers are too young at under-16.

Action sounds louder than words and last week the best argument for water-babies was provided by the 14-year-old Australian, Lisa Konrads.

She slushed two world records beyond recognition.

GHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



(See 565)

Here is a problem by C. Groeneveld (Schoch - Echo, 1955). Black to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5577: 1 BxP (but not 1 Q-Rf4, R-RKt3), and Black's second move (not protected), KxP, 2 Q-Kt4, R-RKt3; 3 KxR ch, Resigns.

London Express Service.

THE GAMBOLES . . .

By Barry Appleby

LOVELY SPRING MORNING, GEORGE

THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR

FASHION SHOCK: SOCCER BOY

SPRING FEVER: ROLLING IN THE GOLDEN MEADOWS

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SPORTS PICTORIAL

A memorable event in the history of local sports in general and of local football in particular was the presence of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh at the special match between the Combined Chinese and the non-Chinese Civilians at South China Stadium last Saturday.

Photo on right shows HRH the Duke of Edinburgh taking a keen interest in the progress of the game. On his left are Mr W. S. T. Louey (President of HKFA) and Mrs Louey and on his right H. E. the Governor, Sir Robert Black and Dr the Hon. A. M. Rodriguez (Vice-President of HKFA).

Below, HRH Prince Philip is seen being introduced to the non-Chinese team by the captain Howard Moss while Mr W. S. T. Louey looks on.—China Mail Photos.

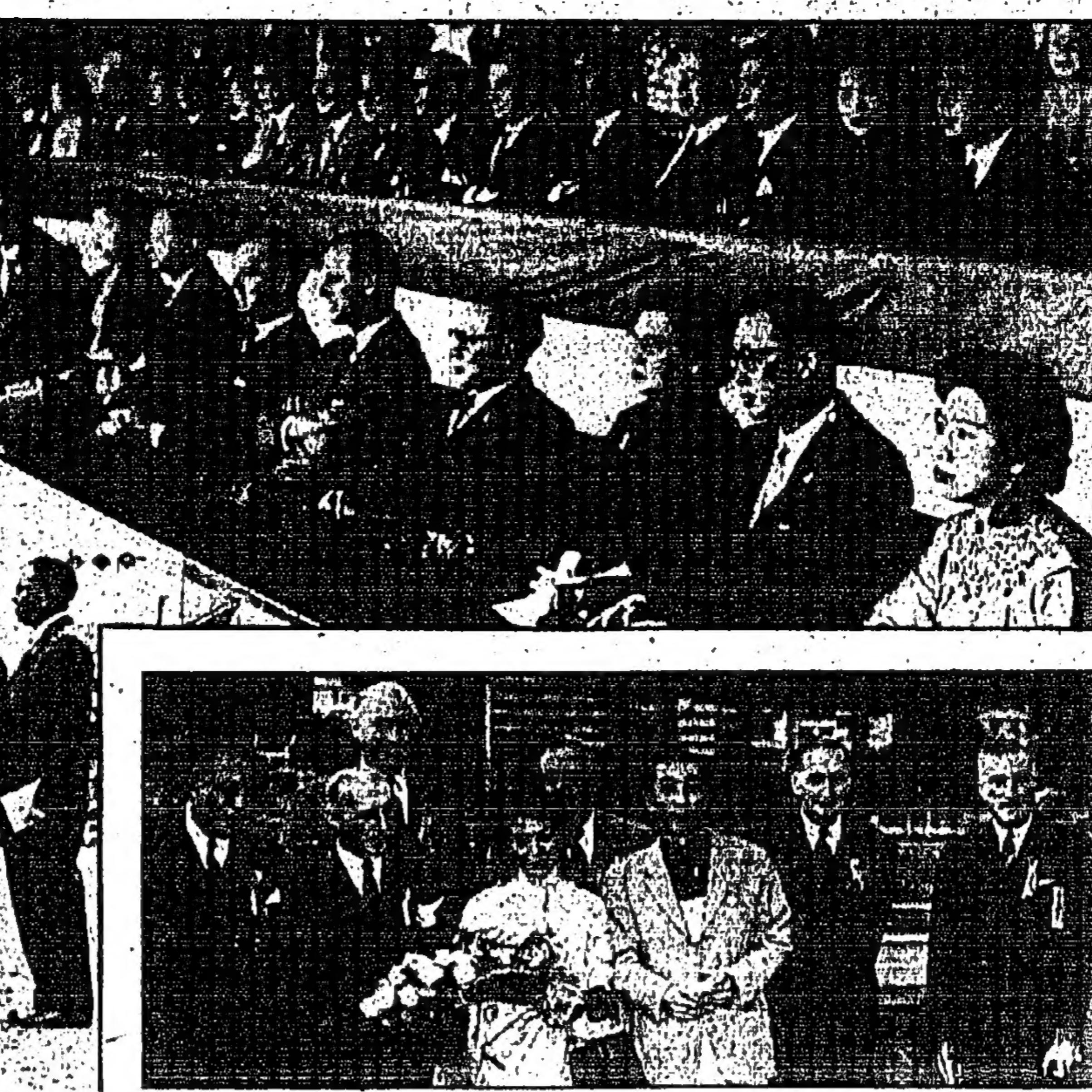


ABOVE: An exciting goalmouth melee during the Inter-school senior grade soccer final last Sunday between Wah Yan and New Method College. Wah Yan claimed the title with a 4-0 victory.—China Mail photo.



The Army Inter-Unit Knock-out rugby tournament concluded last Wednesday with the final between the Green Howards and Fifth Field Regiment at the Club ground. Two late tries by the Green Howards enabled them to snatch an 8-3 win.

Top photo shows the champions and the lower photo the runners-up.—China Mail photos.



One of the two main events of the second day's programme of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Wednesday was the Ladies' Purse.

This was won by Mr X. W. Tam's Cover Girl ridden by H. K. Hung.

Above is a group photo taken after the presentation of the Ladies' Purse by Miss Patricia Lee. They are from left to right: Dr the Hon. S. N. Chau, Mr D. Black, the Hon. H. D. M. Barton, Miss Patricia Lee, Mr A. H. Penn, Jockey H. K. Hung, Mr D. Benson and Mr W. T. Stanton.

Left photo shows L'Arc Triomphe (No. 10), ridden by A. Ostromoff fighting out the finish of the 10th race with Five Gold (No. 7). L'Arc Triomphe won by half a length to pay \$31.40.—China Mail Photos.

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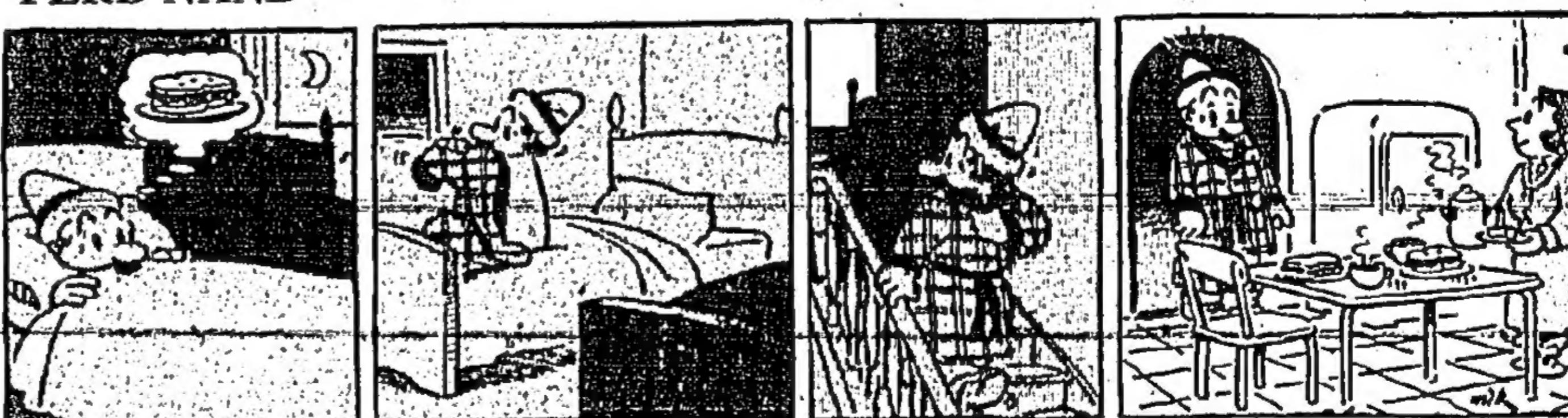
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Italian Shipbuilding Industry To Challenge Europe

By MICHAEL WEIGALL

Rome. THE Italian shipbuilding industry is ready for the challenge of the European Common Market in spite of setbacks in the world shipping recession, according to officials here.

Figures of output for last year, as well as a plan to build in Italy the world's first atomic-powered tanker, are cited as proof that Italian shipbuilding yards can hold their own in the ambitious programme to knock down trade barriers between the states of Western Europe.

Fifty ships, amounting to 447,000 tons, were completed in Italian yards last year. More than half this tonnage—24 ships totalling 242,000 tons—was built on foreign order.

The tonnage of completed vessels remained at the 1957 level when 63 ships, totalling 450,000 tons, were produced. Sixty-one ships, making up 272,000 tons were completed in 1956.

COMPETITORS

Of Italy's leading competitors in the European economic community only West Germany last year improved on her 1957 figure. One million two hundred fifty thousand tons of shipping was delivered to customers compared with 1,230,000 tons the year before. Figures for France and Holland were 420,000 tons (457,000 tons in 1957) and 500,000 tons (535,000 tons in 1957) respectively.

The shipping depression took its toll in Italy last year and only 31 new orders, a total 205,070 tons, were placed in the first six months compared with the same total of 415,595 tons in the same period of 1957.

In spite of this trend begun in the second half of 1957, officials say that Italian shipyards have enough orders to keep them busy until 1963 or 1964.

The work of Italian shipyards, which employ a total of 42,000 workers, was highlighted last year by the launching of Italy's biggest post-war liner, the 32,000-ton Leonardo Da Vinci. The liner, expected to be completed in 1960, replaces the ill-fated Andrea Doria, pride of the state-subsidised Italian Line which sank after a collision with a Swedish vessel off the North American coast in 1956.

CHRISTENED

The new ship, which was christened in Genoa by Signora Carla Gronchi, wife of the Italian President, is 232 metres (728 feet) long and will carry 1,300 passengers in 521 cabins at a speed of about 23 knots. The Leonardo Da Vinci is believed to have cost about £11,500,000.

The loss of the Andrea Doria, the worst post-war shipping disaster on the North Atlantic run, was especially grieved by the Italian authorities here, fearing because this had to start almost from scratch in 1949 after losing most of its ships in World War II.

After a decade of efforts to restore and surpass the pre-war level of the Italian merchant marine, Italy today has more than 3,000,000 tons of ships under her flag and maintains her position as the world's third trading power.

Twice as many private companies as before World War II are in operation, though the bulk of traffic is carried by four state-subsidised companies known as the Flaminio group, which accounts, with its 93 ships, for more than 850,000 tons of the whole.

The largest carrier in the group is the Italian Line, whose flags fly on 20 of Italy's biggest ocean-going vessels.

China Mail Special.

Skipjack Fastest American Sub

Groton, March 10.

THE latest United States atomic submarine, the Skipjack, returned to its base here today after its first test, which established it as the fastest of the American submarines, the naval authorities here stated.

Officials would not, however, indicate the speed of the submarine. As in the case of other atomic submarines, they said only that its speed was "more than 20 knots."

Vice-Admiral H. G. Rickover, who is often called the father of U.S. atomic submarines, was aboard the Skipjack during the test with which he said he was very satisfied.

Franco-Presse.

Indonesian Ship Building Programme

Singapore, March 10.

INDONESIA has embarked on a ship building programme which will enable her to cater to her inter-island trade by 1961, a spokesman of the Indonesian government-owned Peli I. Shipping Lines, which operates in service in Singapore, revealed today here.

The spokesman said that a total of 100 new 500-ton coastal ships were being built in Japan, Poland and West Germany and that although only a few had already been delivered to Indonesia, the bulk of them would be operating on inter-island trade by 1961.

He added that the Soviet Union had also offered to build ships for Indonesia, but that the offer had been turned down because the Russian terms were too stiff.

Franco-Presse.

No Sparking Switches For Ship's Holds

A NEW range of spark-proof electric switches specially designed for ship's holds where pollution from the atmosphere, fire and explosion risks are present, is being produced in Britain.

The switches employ no springs. They are suitable for 6 amps, starting current and 1 amp running current on 400-volt supplies and can be supplied in diaphragm heavy-duty boxes with shield and engraved plates. When used on 200 volt supplies they are rated at a maximum of 10 amps.

The switches are made by Westcott, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England.

BRITAIN'S 1959 BUDGET

Speculation Over Tax Concessions

By RONALD BOXALL

London, March 10. It is just a month to go to what everyone is convinced will be the biggest giveaway budget since the war. Guesses at the size of possible tax concessions vary according to the guessers' estimate of the seriousness of the current industrial recession, and the date of the general election.

On either basis, the case for really big tax cuts has been weakened by recent developments. The recession does not look as serious as many people predicted it would be by this time; indeed there are signs that the worst of it may be over. An actively expansionist budget at this stage may therefore do more harm than good.

As for a general election, the frankly cynical argument that government would take an axe to taxes and then go cock-hoop to the country, does not square either with the facts or personalities involved.

Betting

In the space of a month, betting on the main budget news will have gone from a shilling off the income tax and a swipe at purchase tax, to sixpence off income tax and "something for industry."

What is certain, is that there will be tax concessions totalling anything from £200,000,000 to £300,000,000. But how they will be apportioned between the various claimants remains one of those perennial mysteries that make the budget such an exciting prospect.

One that is, is that of Mr Enoch Powell, former Financial Secretary to the Treasury, until he walked out with Mr Thorneycroft.

Last week, in terms as strong as one who does not wish to embarrass his leaders can employ, he wrote: "In the absence of any compelling reason to believe that an increase... in the total of Government expenditure is indispensable for taking up whatever 'slack' there may be in the economy, the objectives to such an increase appear to be serious."

So there we have three views, all different, though not necessarily incompatible and all expressed by people who know what they are talking about. The fourth view is that of the ordinary taxpayer who doesn't understand what any of it is all about, but would very much like to have a little more of his own money to spend—London Express Service.

Except that booms are popular and slumps are not, and people who have to approve budget proposals, if not those who design them, are particularly to whom the maximisation of popularity is itself a pretty important doctrine.

Will Expand

Sir Oscar (of whom it must be said that he is much more often right than wrong) and his colleagues takes the view that industry will expand of its own accord if left alone to do so, and that any action designed to accelerate the process will very likely lead to a new inflationary boom preceding the next slump.

"What is needed most of all," he writes, "is patience and unfoggability" so that expansion of production may follow its natural course and not be forced into artificial channels and so inevitably lead to new trouble later on."

Unfoggability is a virtue in a politician as in an economist, but there is always the danger that less charitable people than Sir Oscar will call it inertia.

So far the Government have taken a few active steps to stimulate economy. What they have done is to remove the deterrents to consumption and thus with the help of favourable terms of trade, encouraged the demand for industry's products. The trouble is that this demand has not been evenly spread. It has grown for those products for which a big pent-up demand was released by the ending of hire-purchase restrictions, but fallen for those on which the future production depends.

Industry already has enough capacity, installed during the boom years, to produce 15 per cent more goods than it does at present and it is showing no sign of wanting to add still further to its capacity, which means that more and more stand idle.

Some economists consider this rather than unemployment to be the most serious aspect of the present situation. For unless something is done to stimulate demand for capital goods—in other words, to get industry investment-minded again—firms producing these goods will soon

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$605,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Rates
BANKS			
H.K. Bank	XD ..	770	10 0 770/2
Union	72	72 1/2	
Lombard	28 1/2		
SHIPPING			
Watson	25 70	27 00	25 70/5
Wheelocks	5.55	5.63	4700 & 5.50
Dock	43	44	
Provost	12.20	12.30	500 & 12.20
LAND, ETC.			
H.K. Hotel	23.20	23.40	2000 & 23.10
H.K. Land	29.30	30.00	2200 & 29.40
XD ..	423	430	2720 & 42.40
Humphries	14.10	15.00	100 & 14.10
XALE ..	1.70	1.55	2500 & 1.70
HOBSON	2.10	2.15	5000 & 2.10
Amaki	2.05	2.20	
Trust	3.00		
UTILITIES			
Tram XD ..	23.70	500	500 & 23.50
Star Ferry	104	105	210 & 104 1/2
Yatman	94 1/2	102	1700 & 94 1/2
C. Light	10.70	10.80	4000 & 10.50
Electric XD ..	25.00	25.10	1000 & 25.00
Macau E ..	9.45	10.00	3000 & 9.50
Telephone XD ..	23.00	3041	3041 & 23.00
TD ..	400	400	24 & 400
TD ..	3000	3000	23 & 3000
INDUSTRIALS			
CENTRAL XD ..	13.40	500	500 & 13.20
TD ..	10.10	10.20	700 & 10.20
Watson	13.40	14.00	1700 & 13.40
Craw ..	13.40	14.00	1700 & 13.40
Shaw	21	21	150 & 21.00
Kwong S. H. ..	139	140	
COTTONS			
Nanking ..	4.05	4.05	
Manila ..	6.65	6.70	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro ..	15.70		
INTER. PLATE			
Int. Inv. Rev. ..	5.55		
Allied ..	4		

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy ..

Allied Mills Inc.

Am. Brake Shoe

American Airlines

Am. Cable Radio Corp.

Am. Can. Gas Co.

Am. Corp. Power

Am. Home Prod.

Am. Metal

Am. Tel. & Tel.

American Tab. "B"

Amcanda Copper

Am. Steel & Steel

Armour

Atlas Cons. Mining

Baltimore & Ohio

Bathgate Coal

Borden (The) Co.

Calif. Packing Corp.

Canadian Pacific R.

Chase Manh. Bank

Chrysler Motors

Coca-Cola Co.

Commercial Credit

Commonwealth Elec.

Consolidated Edison

Continental Oil of Del.

Cuban Amer. Sugar

U.S. Steel

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U.S. Steel Pipe Co.

U.S. Steel Prod. Co.

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HEALTH MEN CLEAR LINER



Smallpox Scare Delays Ship In Harbour For Two Hours

By THE CHINA MAIL
SHIPPING REPORTER

The Swedish luxury liner, the ms Kungsholm, was delayed for more than two hours this morning while port health authorities investigated the smallpox scare on board the vessel.

One of the crew members who, it was rumoured, contracted the disease, was taken ashore in Manila.

The ship's medical officer was not available this morning, but passengers who had spoken to him said it was not smallpox, but a severe reaction to cholera inoculations.

The ship was due in at Kowloon wharf at 9 a.m. today, but local newsmen were unable to board her until she had been cleared by the health authorities, after 11 a.m.

My Love

Among the passengers was Mrs. Dean Dickason. She has been to Hongkong three times in the last six years. This is her fourth trip. In 1953 she was here together with her husband, a world-traveller, lecturer, and film-man, who was making a film on Hongkong.

While shooting scenes in Mardonell Road on November 12, Mr. Dickason fell off a wall and was killed. Mrs. Dickason said that at first she found it difficult to return to Hongkong after the tragedy, but she added, "It has not dulled my love for Hongkong. It gets a little easier every time."

Mrs. Dickason is at present a lecturer on board the liner and giving lectures and shows films on the various ports of call.

When she was here in 1956 she was interviewed on a local radio programme, "For Women Only." She does television work in America.

Terrible Storm

An elderly passenger, Mrs. David Alter, told reporters that she had fulfilled her life-long ambition in returning to Hongkong.

Mrs. Alter, who has been travelling since the age of 15, was last in the Colony four years ago, as a passenger on board the Coronia, but she recalls there was a terrible storm at the time, and she was not able to see the sights. She had looked forward to seeing,

She said she was more than pleased with the beautiful weather at present. She now had a chance of doing what she was unable to do on the last trip.

Mrs. Alter adopted a Chinese girl 25 years ago, who is at present living in Boston. The Chinese people, she thinks, are one of the friendliest races in the world and "I just love talking with and meeting them."

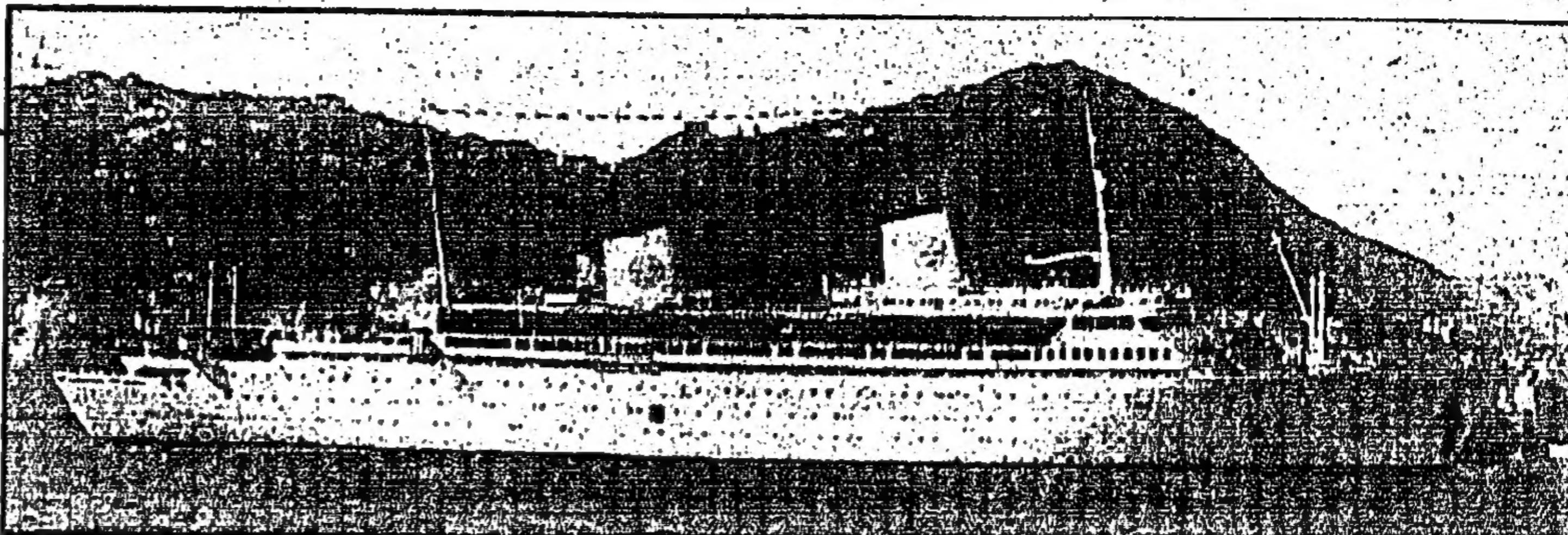
Two other passengers, Messrs. Raymond Rousche and J. Frank Julian, commented that they were more than surprised to see so many hills. They said that in the past they had seen only aerial views of the Colony, but had never imagined that there were so many hills.

\$1,000 Each

Mr. Rousche estimated that most of the 170 passengers planned to spend about US\$1,000 each in the Colony during their three-day stay. The Kungsholm leaves the Colony on Friday.

Among the other notable passengers on board, were Lady Bankfoot Abercrombie of Scotland, Commdr and Mrs. Guy S. Ridge-way (Bermuda). Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bullis, owners of a boy's school in Washington, DC, Maj. Gen. L. W. T. Waller, (U.S. Marine Corps, retired), who was also here 51 years ago as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army, the Earl and Countess of Essex, from Somerset, Bermuda, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Zelle, retired life insurance executive, who was formerly Chairman of the Board of the Life Insurance Company of Missouri and past president of Life Insurers' Conference.

From Hongkong, the Kungsholm will visit Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Acapulco, pass through the Panama Canal and arrive in New York on April 18. The entire trip will take in all 100 days.



The Kungsholm in Hongkong harbour this morning.—China Mail Photo.

FALL IN STAR FERRY PASSENGERS

But Profit Up

Star Ferry boats carried about 1.2 million passengers less in 1958 compared with the previous year, but Mr. H. D. M. Barton, Chairman of directors, reported this morning that "the results of the Company's operations are nevertheless quite satisfactory."

Net profit showed an increase of \$173,024 to \$1,427,226.

The reason for the fall is the number of passengers carried was "competition of alternative routes."

Mr. Barton also made known that there had also been a marked increase in the number of second-class turnstile passengers at the expense of the first class, during the year as reviewed in his report to the shareholders at the annual meeting.

MORE IN SECOND
More were now travelling in second class than first.

Mr. Barton expressed the regret of all present at the death of Sir Man-kam Lo, a member of the Board.

He said Sir Man-kam's wide experience was a great asset to the company during his nine years' office as a director. His death was a great loss to the company.

Mr. Barton extended deepest sympathy to Lady Lo and the family on behalf of the directors.

Mr. Barton said the Company's programme of capital replacement was now almost completed and when the last of the new ferries was delivered at the end of this month or early in April, the company would have a modern and efficient fleet of eight ferries capable of serving the needs of the public for many years to come.

11 PC INCREASE
He said that in 1958, the company's ferries carried 36,324,942 as compared with 37,593,591 in 1957, resulting in a decrease of 1,268,627.

The increase of second class passengers at the expense of the first class was about 11 per cent to 57.2 per cent in comparison with the 1957 figures.

Mr. Barton added:

The new piers on both sides of the harbour are now completed and, as a result, the handling of rush hour traffic has greatly improved. There is still, however, some congestion at the approaches to the piers owing to the construction of the subway under Connaught Road on the Hongkong side and to the improvements which are being carried out on the Traffic Control course at Tsim Sha Tsui. These works are expected to be completed by the end of this Spring.

Our new vessels are giving every satisfaction in operation and the abandonment of steam driven craft has resulted in appreciable savings to the company in fuel and maintenance costs.

RE-ELECTED
The recommendation to pay a final dividend of \$0.50, making the total \$0., was passed and the statement of accounts and the directors' report were adopted.

Mr. H. Kadouris, who retired on rotation, was re-elected to the board.—Reuters.

Man Gaoled On Drugs Charge Has Sentence Reduced

A man convicted of possessing dangerous drugs had his sentence reduced in the Full Court today because the District Court judge exceeded his jurisdiction.

The man, Tang Wing, 44, had been fined \$5,000 in default, 18 months' imprisonment on a charge of having in his possession 14 oz of barbitone, a dangerous drug.

This penalty was imposed in the District Court by Judge R. H. Mills-Owen, on February 16.

Chen Kang, 58, was fined \$3,000 or 12 months' imprisonment on the same charge, and also appealed today.

THE LAW

The appeals were heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hogan, and Mr. Justice Scholte.

Tang and Chen told the court they wanted the sentences to run from the date of their arrest, December 12 last year.

The Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Sanghera, told the court: "The learned District Judge actually exceeded his jurisdiction when he imposed an 18-month gaol sentence in default of the \$5,000 fine on Tang."

"The law reads that the term of imprisonment in default of a fine shall not exceed one year."

"The fines, however, were within the judge's jurisdiction."

Mr. Michael told Chen and Tang: "We would have seen no reason to interfere, if the sentences were such as the District Court ordinances permit to be imposed on people convicted of this kind of offence."

BACKDATED

"But because the sentence on Tang was outside the court's jurisdiction, it will have to be reduced from 18 months to one year."

"Also, in view of the time which elapsed between the arrest and the conviction, it would be reasonable to fix the term of imprisonment for both appellants to run from the date of arrest, December 12."

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Respectable, Not Bandits

New York, March 10.

A bank-robbing foursome told police today that they were not common bandits, but respectable professional men — who had the urge to rob a bank.

The four were arrested as they counted the \$72,000 taken at machinegun point from a bank yesterday in a New York suburb.

During their hold-up, the men wore rubber masks and calmly emptied cash drawers into paper bags.

They waved machineguns at terror-stricken bank employees, then left a tear bomb to help their getaway — but the bomb didn't go off.

When the police caught up with them, the four blandly informed the law enforcement men that they were not at all professional robbers, but an insurance salesman, an industrial designer, a plumber and a nightclubs owner. — France Presse.

Bus Slams Into Queue: Two Killed

Pittsburgh, March 10.

At least two persons were killed and 14 were injured today when a commuter bus slammed into a crowd waiting to board a trolley at the height of the evening rush hour in the downtown area.

Several of the injured were hurled through a large-plate glass window at Kaufmann's department store.

Police recruited about 40 men and used a jack to lift the bus.

The bus driver said his brakes failed as he approached the trolley from the rear. He had to choose between hitting the trolley and swerving into the curb. — U.P.I.

British Council Executive Leaves HK

Miss Janet Tomblin left Hongkong this morning after serving on the British Council for the past six years. Miss Tomblin will be spending five months' leave in the UK before taking on a new assignment.

Miss Tomblin, who was one of the people responsible for the introduction of the Hongkong Festival of the Arts, said prior to her departure by BOAC this morning, that she had been lucky to have stayed in Hongkong as long as she had, and to have made so many friends.

Baby A-Bombs

Washington, March 10.

The United States has developed miniature atomic weapons of a power of one ton of TNT. The Atomic Energy Commission indicated in a report published today France

had an injured witness.

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This Funny World

Oran, March 10.

French specialists tonight launched a Veronique rocket from the Hammam-Guir launch base.

It was the second launching of a Veronique rocket. The first rocket reached a height of 107 miles, ejecting at an altitude of 50 miles, a sodium cloud for experimental purposes. — France Presse.

French A-Blast In April?

Washington, March 10.

France intends to carry out its first atomic bomb test in April, the American weekly magazine *Newsweek* reported today. — Reuters.

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